18 October 1951.

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Dear Bud:

Many thanks for your letter of the 15th inviting me to address the dinner meeting in New York on December 1th.

I appreciate this invitation very much and, if it were at all possible, would like to accept it. However, in these times and in my present position, I am not encouraged to give any speeches. As a matter of fact, I am supposed to strive for anonymity and am afraid that appearing as guest speaker would hardly contribute toward that end.

It was certainly good to see you the other day.

Faithfully, 12 Bessel Smith

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